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"THE GERMAN VOTE."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: We are threatened with the "German vote." It is being thundered at us from the rostrum and from various German-American publications. From these sources Americans are deluged with adverse criticism and presumptuous advice.

If I were permitted to address a few remarks to the ardent advocates of German militarism who are conducting this anti-American movement they would be somewhat as follows:

To the anti-American Germans: Do you remember why you left Germany? It was to escape a narrow, restricted existence under the domineering, swashbuckling rule of an oppressive military aristocracy.

You were tired of being elbowed off the sidewalks by superior young beings in uniform and upturned mustaches. You were so unhappy that neither your passion for German Kultur nor the ties of blood could keep you there.

You swore allegiance to our flag and institutions. You were warmly welcomed. You shared in our Government. Your new freedom was glorious. You loved it—wallowed in it. And you prospered in it.

And now you are preparing to amite the hand that succored you when you were starving for freedom and a fair chance in life. Now you have nothing but ridicule and contempt for Uncle Sam.

Your heart is no longer in America. It is over the sea in the land of blood and iron—especially blood.

The Kaiser and his military advisers decreed that the blood of millions should be shed rather than that Austria should abandon her outrageous attempt to slaughter the Serbians and annex their little country. He tells us in a recent bulletin he is glad he approved of Austria's awful crime.

At the word of your master, then, millions of human beings have died. Millions have been maimed; millions reduced to poverty; and the work of your beloved Emperor is not yet finished, for the blood of millions more will be on his hands if he has his imperial way.

You have heard your master's voice. You have not been American citizens long enough to breed out this spirit of subservience to aristocracy and to the rule of divine right.

You cannot resist the call of militarism. You scream with joy at every victory that promises to bring democracy in Europe to the feet of the German military clique.

You demand that Americans applaud every barbarous, murderous act committed by Germany in this frightful war. Your Fatherland has violated our sea rights, destroyed our property and killed our innocent non-combatant citizens. It ignores our protests and denies us reparation. These acts you approve and you expect us to rejoice with you when they are committed.

You organize fake peace societies to oppose American national defense that Germany may not be hampered "when the time comes." Through you Germany proposes to do to America with bullets what she is trying to do to Europe with bullets.

Our Government is to be Kaiserized. Your success in intimidating a few public men and newspapers in cities where the German element is large has befogged your judgment. Germany's entrance into the politics of this country is an example of the "German spirit" that is to dominate the world. It is the same domineering, brutal and barbaric instinct that prompted the rape of Belgium and that induced the leader of your movement to enter the French pavilion at the Panama-Pacific Exposition a few days ago with a company of his friends and wave German flags.

There are millions of descendants in this country of Germany's enemies, the Allies. Are they demanding that America go to war to help them? Are they organizing to oppose

you Germans who are undertaking to dictate the American foreign policy? Unlike you, they are going about their business as American citizens, and unlike you they will vote as American citizens.

Your absurd propaganda is doing nothing more than to seriously offend loyal Americans. You represent but a small portion of the so-called German-American vote. Get the notion out of your head that American conscience and sense of justice is in your keeping; that you alone possess the wisdom to guide our country in this crisis. Resume your allegiance to the Stars and Stripes and be quiet, for you will not be permitted to influence in the slightest degree the foreign policy of the American Government. Otherwise, vamoose!

AMMI WRIGHT.
New York, August 12.

On the Mexican Border.

The most serious phase of the Mexican situation to-day is not the behavior of the people of Vera Cruz, but what Governor FERNANDEZ of Texas in his emergency telegram to President Wilson calls "the Mexican border troubles." Who is responsible for "the reign of terror" the Governor speaks of when he tells Mr. Wilson that "a great service would be rendered if you could double the size of your army now on the Mexican border?"

Why should the news sources along the Rio Grande become so suddenly hysterical? Texas has a population of more than 4,000,000, and 10,000 regulars are in garrison on or within twelve hours march of the line, and yet Laredo hints mysteriously at "an attempt to turn Texas back to Mexican control." No native on the spot could be deceived by such a fabrication, and we suspect that there is method in it. Somebody is stirring up trouble on the border for a purpose not difficult to guess. It may have been noticed that whereas "outrages" were lately sporadic, they are now general and Americans along the international line are sleeping on their arms. Is it not singular that the change for the worse, this eruption of brigandage and rallying of Mexicans to do battle with the hated "gringos," has occurred since Mr. Wilson began to overhaul his policy of "watchful waiting"? The whole border affame? How sudden!

No doubt the decline in General VILLA's fortunes accounts in part for disorders truthfully reported: the border always has its lawless characters, revolution has awaked their numbers, and VILLA being no longer feared there is more horse stealing, cattle lifting and looting than ever. Surely it is incredible that Mexicans in organized bodies are overrunning Texas counties, pillaging and murdering, with intent to provoke hostilities with General FERNANDEZ's troops. Governor FERNANDEZ asks the President to believe that "any unusual occurrence would cause a disastrous invasion of Texas from Mexico." Has the Governor lost his head?

General FERNANDEZ, who always has his wits about him, intimates that the politicians have a hand in the business. However that may be, there are signs of an agitation to force armed intervention by fomenting trouble on the border and exaggerating disorders that are perhaps on the increase as the result of unsettled conditions on the Mexican side.

Mr. Wilson is not a man to be stampeded. At the same time the propaganda with which he has to contend is dangerous. He would be well advised to have the alarming reports investigated by some trustworthy agent like General HUGH L. SCOTT, who is now on the border. Putting their heads together FERNANDEZ and SCOTT could learn what foundation there was for Governor FERNANDEZ's "reign of terror."

Change in German Commanders at the Dardanelles.

The recall of General IMAN VON SANDERS, the German officer who has been directing the Turkish army on the Gallipoli peninsula, at the present critical stage of the Dardanelles operations may be due to the wounds which he recently received or to dissatisfaction with his services.

It is very evident that the Teutonic allies are taking a renewed interest in these operations and are endeavoring to strengthen in every way possible the defenses of Constantinople. The reports would indicate that General VON SANDERS and the Turkish leader, ENVER PASHA, have not been working in complete harmony and that VON SANDERS himself assumed more authority than ENVER was willing to yield to him. This dissatisfaction with the German commander is said to have spread to the army, and it was reported that the wounds from which VON SANDERS is suffering were not inflicted by the enemy but by Turkish troops.

VON SANDERS has had an unusually good opportunity to study the Ottoman army, and he is credited with having done much to develop its organization and training. His influence was shown in the efficiency of the mobilization at the time of the entrance of Turkey into the war. He received his instruction in Turkish affairs from General VON DER GOLZ, who was in charge of the first German Military Mission, and succeeded him as the head of this mission in January, 1914.

His successor is the Grand Duke FREDERICK FRANCIS of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, a General of the Prussian cavalry and a brother-in-law of the German Crown Prince. The Grand

Duke has had, it is said, no active experience with Ottoman troops. The change was no doubt made for the purpose of improving the defensive operations at a time when the Allies are putting forth their greatest efforts to win. If it should indicate, too, that the ambitious ENVER is trying to manage the campaign himself the new commander has no easy task before him.

The Skyraeper Post Office.

The Post Office Department, a despatch from Washington says, is contemplating the building of skyraeper post offices. The experiment, it is added, is to be tried in Chicago, where an appropriation of \$1,750,000 for a site has been voted by Congress, and the structure is to rise ten stories above the street.

The consideration governing the present type of post office building is said to be the necessity of doing all the work upon the ground floor. But why the architecture is what is generally styled in guide books either "Renaissance" or "Corinthian" can be no more comprehended than why the quarters in most offices are poorly fitted for the work and inadequate to the requirements of the service.

The increase in the postal business the past few years caused by the extension of the rural free delivery and the parcel post has made imperative demand for more commodious offices in the city, while it has wiped out as many as two or three thousand smaller offices. BYRON R. NEWTON, acting Secretary of the Treasury, says that the growth of the postal needs in Chicago have been so rapid "that before the present building could be completed the space it provided was found inadequate." The appropriation would, according to his estimate, be only about one-fourth enough to buy sufficient ground if the new building was constructed upon the prevailing plan.

Taking into consideration the price of real estate and the present urgent needs of efficiency and space, there are some commendable features in the towering post office. But before going too far in the project the case of the Congressman who had promised his constituents at South Fork a \$100,000 post office that will cover a whole block "on Main street adjoining the park" should be considered in all of its bearing. It may thus be some time before the skyraeper post office will be popular enough to supersede those "Renaissance" structures built of "our own superior limestone, sir."

The Haytian Chamber of Deputies, in which body the election of President is vested by the Constitution, chose Senator RUBEN DANTIGUEVAYE for the office yesterday while Admiral CAPEZON's marines patrolled the streets to preserve order.

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Referring to the war in Mexico Mr. MARSHALL remarked that the real trouble down there was that there was no Vice-President—Despatch from Kansas.

Even Mexican clouds, it seems, have a silver lining.

middle West that almost ruined the ancient professor of domestic science, is keeping up with the times by being in the Anti-Automobile Thief Association. The secretary of the combination announces:

"We intend to form such an organization of car owners that it will be impossible for any one to get away with a stolen car."

The farmers in these days of great crops have all taken to automobiles, and there are no longer any horses for thieves to steal; but it is not every association that has succeeded in establishing a strong and orderly government in Mexico.

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UNMATED HEARTS.

Is the Solution to This Problem Impossible?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: It is a lamentable fact that some real solution to the problem of "Unmated Hearts" cannot be found. There are being a great many "unmated" hearts, and yet here is one you bare which borders on the impossible.

How many fine men and women fall in their search through no fault of their own! It would seem that a great majority of both sexes are slaves to the frivolities and fashions of the present day, and there are many "sweet, womanly" home makers who are waiting for a man who will make a life of solitude.

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CARRANZA'S POINT OF VIEW.

His Confidential Representative Discusses the Situation.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: I am grateful to you for the publication in THE SUN of my letter dated August 7. The SUN is impartial in giving the friends of Mr. Carranza, First Chief of the Constitutional Army of Mexico, an opportunity to lay before the American public the views of the party, which has succeeded in establishing a strong and orderly government in Mexico.

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OUR GERMAN POLICY.

A Neutral's Idea as to What We Should Have Done.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: Even at the risk of being thought pro-German, let me beg your indulgence for a few remarks on the controversy with Germany regarding the Lusitania and the submarine warfare in general. As a preliminary, however, I may observe that I am not pro-German, neither am I pro-Allies in the sense of believing England an angel just descended from heaven or in wishing to see Russia dominant in Europe, for that is what Germany desires. I am only a neutral.

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DRUDGERY OF TEACHING.

Possible Causes of the Nervous Strain on Women Teachers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: Reference has been made lately by the Controller to the fact that the public school teachers have easy lives. "By their fruits shall ye know them." Is there any profession, is there any walk in life, where the work has such deleterious effects upon those practicing the occupation? Any person in the public school system in New York city is painfully aware of the ravages that school teaching makes upon the health of teachers. How often young girls fresh from college, the bloom of healthy womanhood upon their faces, enter the profession and in a comparatively brief period fade to the traditional "dried up old maid school teacher." Why is this?

The same educated young woman, who has entered the ranks of the extra work of male activity, and had she become either a stenographer, a secretary, a librarian, a settlement worker, a buyer in a women's wear department store, a journalist, a book reviewer or a social service agent, would not begin to show the marked physical and nervous deterioration that evidences itself so rapidly in the case of school teaching. What is the cause of this?

The preparation for this work in the eight years course at high school and college, strenuous as it may be, apparently leaves them in full possession of their physical and mental faculties. And yet an equal period of time spent in the classroom invariably turns them into nervous wrecks.

Measured by the time demanded in other occupations and with due allowance for necessary home work, the hours of school teachers are comparatively attractive. Why should then look for the cause elsewhere than in the time spent in teaching. Perhaps the harm is due to the excessive drain upon their vital and nervous forces, engendered by the character of the work.

It is due, in these days of moral mission, to the continuous, high tension of the nervous system, to the hours a day, controlling by sheer strength of will and intensity of personality fifty restless, impulsive, healthy children, inhibited from pursuing their natural tendencies, may it not be due to other causes also?

May it not perhaps be due in great part to the impulsive fear of the idler, the temptation of the idler to the hands over the head of every class room teacher in our public schools?

Is it not due to the